

Holy Neck
Christian Church
Newsletter

April 2016



Our invitation to you...

*We warmly invite all to come and worship
in our growing and caring fellowship
as we seek to serve Christ
both here and around the world.*

Sunday Church School: 10 AM
Worship: 11 AM



Our
Church
Family
News

We Welcome our Newest Member:
Clinton Stevenson

Congratulations to:
Jeff & Jessica (Estienne) Shildt on the birth of their son, Eli Dawson, on February 24, 2016 (864 Wilmont Lane, Newport News, VA 23608). Grandparents are Mark & Debbie Estienne.

We extend our deepest sympathy to those who grieve:
The family of Alton Wright (Faye Varney's Uncle)
The family of Jack Brinkley



Monday Night
BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Danny leads **Bible Studies** on Monday evenings. We start *promptly* at 7 PM and finish by 8 PM. (Childcare is provided.) ~ We're starting a new study called "Contagious Christian". *Join us!*



April 3rd
Please come and enjoy a free supper (at 5 PM), Movie (at 6 PM), and popcorn!

Everyone's invited! Bring a friend! Bring a comfortable chair if you like! (It's free, but donations are welcome.)



April 10th at 7:30 PM.
All members attend.



Mark your calendars for Bible School!
Sunday June 19 – Thursday June 23 from 6 – 8:30 PM
Kick-off Family Cookout: June 19th at 4:30 PM
Supper Monday – Thursday will be served 6-6:30 PM
See Brian Bass to volunteer!

*The greatest gift we can give back to our great
God
is to let his love make us glad.*
—Ann Voskamp, *The Greatest Gift*

**JUST
FOR
YOUTH**

(For all 6 – 12 Graders)

- Apr. 3 12-3 PM Out to Eat @ Joe's
- 5 – 8 PM Church Movie Night
- Apr. 17 10/11 AM Set-up Tables/ Usher
- 12 – ?? PM Potluck & TBA!
- Apr. 24 6:30 PM Youth Bible Study
- May 1 10 AM Set-up Tables
- 12 – 3 PM Potluck & Fishing!

(See Lisa for info.)



Children's Church (K-2 Gr.)
& Willing Workers (3-5 Gr.)

Worship activities each Sunday following the Children's Moments.

(See Brian Bass or Susan Sims for info or to volunteer.)



- April 3 Lord's Supper "I Smell Bread"
 Luke 24:13-35
- April 10 "A Universal Call to Praise God"
 Psalm 150
- April 17 "Come and Dine"
 John 21:1-19
- April 24 "You Are the Salt of the Earth"
 Matthew 5:13

*If we are not planted in Christ,
we'll be uprooted in crisis.*

—Unknown



A Day Trip to the Norfolk Botanical Gardens is being considered for April 21st to see LanternAsia (a special lantern exhibit). Sign up if you are

interested in this. We can go during the day (walk or ride a tram) or at night (a mile walk, but will be lit!). Cost \$20.

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*The devil knows your name
but calls you by your sin.
God knows your sin
but calls you by your name.*
—Ricardo Sanchez

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Bus Trip to Lancaster, PA



Plan now to go on our **Oct. 21-22** trip to the next **Sight and Sound Theater** production (in PA) of "Samson"! You may invite and include friends and family. The

itinerary & reservation/ deposit envelopes are on the hall table. The **first deposit is due August 7th**. Balance is due Sept. 4th.

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HNCC Memorial Day

May 1st at 11 AM Worship

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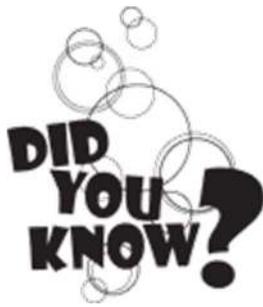
So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

1 Corinthians 3:7, NIV



Our inner happiness depends not on what we experience but on the degree of our gratitude to God, whatever the experience.

Albert Schweitzer



... that we have **TERRIFIC Youth** at HNCC? They did a great job leading our Easter Sunrise Service!

... that so far, Brittany Vick Epperson and Patsy Lewis have **volunteered to help** our Children's Church leaders? *They average around 15 children per Sunday. (Isn't that GREAT!?) ☺ More volunteers are welcome!!!*

... that **24 children** came to the Children's Message on Easter Sunday? *(Good job parents & grandparents!)*

... that the **Building and Grounds Committee members** are doing a terrific job? *(Thank one!)*

... that the average attendance at our March **Bible Studies** was 27? *Come join us!*

... that Emma Gardner has **Operation Smile dolls** and **comfort pillows** ready to be stuffed? *(They're in the church office on the file cabinet.)*

... that those with allergies thank you in advance for not wearing lots of **perfumed products** to worship. ☺

WE GIVE YOU THANKS,
AND *praise* YOUR
glorious
name.

I CHRONICLES 29:13, NIV

Our Community News

Holy Neck Ruritans

Meet Thursday, April 7 at 7 PM.

Friendly Fellowship

Next Meetings:

TUESDAY, April 26 at 11 AM at BCC
(Catered meals are \$9.00) See Shirley Weaver to carpool.)

SATURDAY, May 7th at 11:30 AM here at HNCC
Everyone 50+ is invited to come for fun and fellowship!

Mission and Service

Opportunities

Is your love and gratitude to God
for His indescribable gift of Jesus Christ evident
... by the way you live your life?
... by your attitude of love and gratitude?
... by the way you reach out to and serve others?

Don't do it because you think you have to
earn God's love and forgiveness. You do not and cannot.

Do it because you recognize
the absolute awesomeness of God's love for you and
the extravagant grace of God's forgiveness and
feel compelled to live your life in a way
that reflects God's love in your life!



*We draw people to Christ
not by loudly discrediting
what they believe, by telling
them how wrong they are
and how right we are,
but by showing them a light
that is so lovely that they
want with all their hearts to
know the source of it.*
—Madeleine L'Engle

April is "Kitchen Clean-Up Month"



How can you help you ask?

A list of projects to
be accomplished is
in the sign-up
book, with the goal
being to finish by

the end of April. If you, your group, or you and a
friend see an item you can accomplish, please sign-up!

To arrange for the church to be opened for you, see
Lisa. (Sponsored by the Women's Fellowship.)



Mark your
calendars
and Volunteer!
Bible School
will be held
June 19-23 from
6-8:30 PM.

On Sunday (June 19th) we will have
a VBS Kickoff Family Cookout at 4:30 PM.
Supper will be served at 6-6:30 Mon-Thur. nights.

What can YOU do?

Pray for VBS program, children and for volunteers.
Consider volunteering for this ministry!

Invite children to VBS! (and transport if you can!)

SIGN-UP at the hall table to volunteer;
or see Brian Bass for information.

Bobby and Karen Barnes are returning to Africa as
missionaries this year -- this time to Tanzania. They
ask us to become part of their support team with
prayers and financial support. Information and details
of their ministry are on the foyer table. (Don't know
Bobby & Karen? Bobby grew up here at HNCC and is
Howard Barnes' brother!)



Volunteers are needed to work with our "Willing
Workers" group (grades 3 – 5). This group meets 2
times per month following the "Children's Moments".
Suggestions regarding their meeting schedule and
activities are welcome! Please see Lisa for info or to
volunteer.



PSALM 71:14. NIV

Prayerful Commitment

*Lord, let me see my church with honesty and open
eyes. Help me to grasp where we have gotten out of
balance with inward and outward ministries. And
give our church a vision to make a difference in our
community. Even more, God, use me to be a catalyst
and instrument for the changes that must take place
in our church. Amen.*

(From Autopsy of a Deceased Church, © 2014 Thom Rainer,
B & H Publishing Group, p90.)

Requested by the HNCC Discovery Bible Class.

Pastor's Post

Integrity, the principle within sets us followers of Christ apart from the rest of the world. I know it is a struggle every day to maintain integrity in a world that has lost its moral compass and cannot find true north in daily living. But, if we strive for it in our lives, we can know peace within our hearts because we want to be true to Christ. This changes the world one person at a time beginning

within ourselves and spreading out in ever enlarging concentric circles. The lesson below was in my devotional book for January 18.

*“I want a principle within, Of watchful, godly fear,
A sensibility of sin, A pain to feel it near.” (Charles Wesley)*

The Principle Within is that commitment to absolute INTEGRITY... To uncompromising, honest living that squares with the character of God as revealed in Scripture. *"If you abide in My word... you will know the truth... Thou dost desire truth in the innermost being."* (John 8:31, 32; Psalm 51:6)

How would I know if I am living by that "Principle Within"? Here are three specifics: (1) Motives: I am resolved that in my dealings with people, there will be no hidden agenda: No manipulation of others toward my own ends. *"Let your love be without hypocrisy."* (Romans 12:9) (2) Impressions: I am resolved to not *knowingly* allow *any* impressions about myself or my business that do not square with reality: No shading of the truth. No delaying of payments. No cutting of corners on the quality of service or on the quality of the product. *"You... outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy..."* (Matthew 23:28) (3) Speech: I am resolved to discipline my conversation in such a way that the verbalization and the reality are *precisely* the same: *"Whatever you have to say let your 'yes' be a plain 'yes' and your 'no' be a plain 'no' — anything more than this has a taint of evil."* (Matthew 5:37, Phillips Translation)

Wesley went on to write: *"Help me the first approach to feel Of pride or wrong desire: To catch the wandering of my will, And quench the kindling fire."*

Principled men and women who are determined to adhere to that godly "Principle Within" are sensitive to the slightest inkling of compromise within their breast. QUESTION: "Are you man or woman enough to belong to that rare breed of principled disciples of Christ in an age of unprincipled people?" I know you are!"

(This article is taken from the daily devotional Facts of the Matter: Daily Devotionals. By Dwight Hill www.factsofthematter.org)

Blessings, *Danny*

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For February & March 2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Other Offering</u>
January 31, 2016	50	95	\$ 3,028.00	\$ -
February 7, 2016	39	81	\$ 2,225.00	\$ 75.00
February 14, 2016	46	94	\$ 1,930.50	\$ 350.00
February 21, 2016	45	98	\$ 2,792.25	\$ -
February 28, 2016	48	84	\$ 1,848.85	\$ 60.00
March 6, 2016	45	88	\$ 8,346.00	\$ 95.00
March 13, 2016	49	95	\$ 2,130.26	\$ -
March 20, 2016	49	96	\$ 2,110.00	\$ -
March 27, 2016	43	136	\$ 2,426.50	\$ 50.00
Average per Sunday	46	96	\$ 2981.93	
2016 Budget-amount needed /week			\$ 2,559.00	
Amount received is surplus "+" OR debit "-"			\$ (+422.93)	

Attendance and Stewardship Report



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**Share a Smile—
It's Contagious**

Mirth Upon the Earth

On April 1, you may well have a joke or two played on you. If so, enjoy the moment. Laugh, even if the joke is on you.

Christians have great cause for laughter on a daily basis. We can laugh because we know that no matter how much tragedy we see or may suffer personally, we have the assurance that God can turn it all around and bring great good out of evil.

The proof of that, for Christians,
is Jesus' resurrection.

—Charles Ferrell

